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# Some topics on order preserving operator inequalities

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**Abstract.** Furuta inequality asserts:  $A \geq B \geq 0$  ensures  $A^{1+r} \geq (A^{\frac{r}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{1+r}{p+r}}$  holds for all  $r \geq 0$  and  $p \geq 1$ . Inequalities of (a) **GFI type, I** and (b) **GFI type, II** are given via Furuta inequality. The following (1) and (2) are examples of (a), and (3) is an example of (b):

(1) For  $A, B > 0$ ,  $A \geq B$  if and only if

$$A^{1+r-t} \geq (A^{\frac{r-t}{2}} B^{(p-t)s+t} A^{\frac{r-t}{2}})^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^s A^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}}$$

holds for all  $t \leq 0$ ,  $r \geq t$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $1 \geq s \geq \frac{1-t}{p-t}$ .

(2) For  $A, B > 0$ , If  $A \geq B$  if and only if

$$A^{1+r-t} \geq (A^{\frac{r-t}{2}} B^{(p-t)s+t} A^{\frac{r-t}{2}})^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^s A^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}}$$

holds for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $r \geq t$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $s \in [1, 2]$ .

(3) For  $A, B > 0$ ,  $A \geq B$  if and only if

$$A^{1+r-t} \geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^s A^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \geq (A^{\frac{r-t}{2}} B^{(p-t)s+t} A^{\frac{r-t}{2}})^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}}$$

holds for all  $t \leq -1$ ,  $r \geq 0$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , and  $\frac{2p-t+1}{p-t} \geq s \geq 1$ .

We show that GFI is easily obtained by repeating (2).

## §1 Introduction

In what follows, a capital letter means a bounded linear operator on a Hilbert space  $H$ . An operator  $T$  is said to be positive (denoted by  $T \geq 0$ ) if  $(Tx, x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in H$  and an operator  $T$  is said to be strictly positive (denoted by  $T > 0$ ) if  $T$  is positive and invertible. We write  $A \gg B$  if  $\log A \geq \log B$  for strictly positive operators  $A$  and  $B$ , which is called the chaotic order. It is known that  $A \geq B > 0$  yields  $A \gg B$  since  $\log t$  is operator monotone.

We cite the following famous Löwner-Heinz inequality [20][18] established in 1934.

**Theorem L-H** (Löwner-Heinz inequality).  $A \geq B \geq 0$  ensures  $A^\alpha \geq B^\alpha$  for any  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$

As an extension of Theorem L-H, we obtained the following result.

**Theorem F** (Furuta inequality).

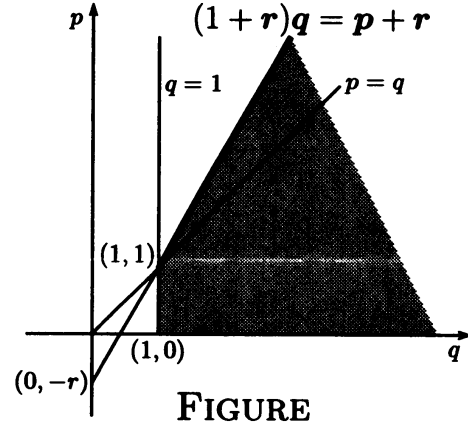
If  $A \geq B \geq 0$ , then for each  $r \geq 0$ ,

$$(i) \quad (B^{\frac{r}{2}} A^p B^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq (B^{\frac{r}{2}} B^p B^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

and

$$(ii) \quad (A^{\frac{r}{2}} A^p A^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq (A^{\frac{r}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{1}{q}}$$

hold for  $p \geq 0$  and  $q \geq 1$  with  $(1+r)q \geq p+r$ .



FIGURE

The original proof of Theorem F is given in [8], alternative proofs in [3],[19] and one page proof in [9]. The domain drawn for  $p, q$  and  $r$  in Figure is the best possible one for Theorem F in [21]. Next we state the following result which is an extension of Theorem F.

**Theorem G** (generalized Furuta inequality).

If  $A \geq B \geq 0$  with  $A > 0$ , then for each  $t \in [0, 1]$  and  $p \geq 1$

$$F_{p,t}(A, B, r, s) = A^{\frac{-r}{2}} \{A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^s A^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} A^{\frac{-r}{2}}$$

is decreasing of both  $r$  and  $s$  for any  $r \geq t$  and  $s \geq 1$ , and the following inequality holds:

$$A^{1-t} = F_{p,t}(A, A, r, s) \geq F_{p,t}(A, B, r, s),$$

that is,

$$(GFI) \quad A^{1+r-t} \geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^s A^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}}$$

holds for all  $r \geq t$  and  $s \geq 1$ .

(GFI) interpolates Theorem F and the inequality equivalent to the main result of log majorization in [2]. The original proof of Theorem G is in [11], alternative proofs in [5],[17] and one page proof of (GFI) in [13]. The best possibility of (GFI) is obtained in [22], and [24][7].

**Theorem FC** ([4][10]). The following (i) and (ii) hold:

$$(i) \quad A \gg B \text{ holds if and only if } (B^{\frac{r}{2}} A^p B^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{r}{p+r}} \geq B^r \text{ holds for all } p \geq 0 \text{ and } r \geq 0.$$

(ii)  $A \gg B$  holds if and only if  $A^r \geq (A^{\frac{r}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{r}{p+r}}$  holds for all  $p \geq 0$  and  $r \geq 0$ .

Theorem FC in the case  $p = r$  is shown in [1], and Theorem FC can be regarded as Theorem F type inequality on chaotic order, and recently a breathtakingly elegant and simple proof of Theorem FC is given in [23] using only Theorem F. We posed in [16] that

(Q)  $A \gg B$  if and only if  $A^{r-t} \geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^s A^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{r-t}{(p-t)s+r}}$

holds for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $r \geq t$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $s \geq 1$ ? And we gave a concrete counterexample to “only if” part of this question (Q) in [16]. To this question (Q), the following interesting answer is given in [6] by using their skilful method:

**Theorem A.** For  $A, B > 0$ ,  $A \geq B$  if and only if

$$A^{r-t} \geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^s A^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{r-t}{(p-t)s+r}}$$

holds for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $r \geq t$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $s \geq 1$ .

Moreover the following affirmative answer to this question (Q) in some sense is given in [6]:

**Theorem B.** For  $A, B > 0$ , If  $A \gg B$  (i.e.,  $\log A \geq \log B$ ) if and only if

$$A^{r-t} \geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^s A^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{r-t}{(p-t)s+r}}$$

holds for all  $p \geq 0$ ,  $r \geq 0$ ,  $s \in [1, 2]$  and  $t \leq 0$ .

We give several operator inequalities of two kinds of types associated with Theorem G and Theorem B by using only Theorem F and Theorem FC.

## §2 GFI type operator inequalities

By using only Theorem F and Theorem FC, we show the following Theorem 2.1, Theorem 2.2 which are GFI type operator inequality, I and also we show Theorem 2.3 and Theorem 2.4 which are GFI type operator inequality, II.

### (a) GFI type operator inequality, I

Firstly we state the following two theorems as GFI type operator inequality, I.

**Theorem 2.1.** For  $A, B > 0$ ,  $A \gg B$  (i.e.,  $\log A \geq \log B$ ) if and only if

$$A^{r-t} \geq (A^{\frac{r-t}{2}} B^{(p-t)s+t} A^{\frac{r-t}{2}})^{\frac{r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \quad (2.1)$$

$$\geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}}(A^{-\frac{t}{2}}B^pA^{-\frac{t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{r-t}{(p-t)s+r}}$$

holds for all  $t \leq 0$ ,  $r \geq t$ ,  $p \geq 0$  and  $1 \geq s \geq \frac{-t}{p-t}$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** For  $A, B > 0$ ,  $A \geq B$  if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} A^{1+r-t} &\geq (A^{\frac{r-t}{2}}B^{(p-t)s+t}A^{\frac{r-t}{2}})^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \\ &\geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}}(A^{-\frac{t}{2}}B^pA^{-\frac{t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

holds for all  $t \leq 0$ ,  $r \geq t$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $1 \geq s \geq \frac{1-t}{p-t}$ .

### (b) GFI type operator inequality, II

Secondly we state the following two theorems of different type from (a).

**Theorem 2.3.**

(i) For  $A, B > 0$ ,  $A \gg B$  (i.e.,  $\log A \geq \log B$ ) if and only if

$$A^{r-t} \geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}}(A^{-\frac{t}{2}}B^pA^{-\frac{t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \quad (2.3)$$

holds for all  $t \leq 0$ ,  $r \geq 0$ ,  $p \geq 0$ , and  $s \geq \frac{-t}{p-t}$ .

(ii) For  $A, B > 0$ ,  $A \gg B$  (i.e.,  $\log A \geq \log B$ ) if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} A^{r-t} &\geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}}(A^{-\frac{t}{2}}B^pA^{-\frac{t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \\ &\geq (A^{\frac{r-t}{2}}B^{(p-t)s+t}A^{\frac{r-t}{2}})^{\frac{r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \end{aligned} \quad (2.3')$$

holds for all  $t \leq 0$ ,  $r \geq 0$ ,  $p \geq 0$ , and  $\frac{2p-t}{p-t} \geq s \geq 1$ .

**Theorem 2.4.**

(i) For  $A, B > 0$ ,  $A \geq B$  if and only if

$$A^{1+r-t} \geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}}(A^{-\frac{t}{2}}B^pA^{-\frac{t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \quad (2.4)$$

holds for all  $t \leq 0$ ,  $r \geq 0$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , and  $s \geq \frac{1-t}{p-t}$ .

(ii) For  $A, B > 0$ ,  $A \geq B$  if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} A^{1+r-t} &\geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}}(A^{-\frac{t}{2}}B^pA^{-\frac{t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \\ &\geq (A^{\frac{r-t}{2}}B^{(p-t)s+t}A^{\frac{r-t}{2}})^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \end{aligned} \quad (2.4')$$

holds for all  $t \leq -1$ ,  $r \geq 0$ ,  $p \geq 1$ , and  $\frac{2p-t+1}{p-t} \geq s \geq 1$ .

First of all, to give proofs of our results, we state the following Theorem  $F_1$ , which is obtained by putting  $q = \frac{p+r}{1+r} \geq 1$  for  $p \geq 1$  and  $r \geq 0$  in Theorem F.

**Theorem  $F_1$ .** *If  $A \geq B \geq 0$ , then the following (i) and (ii) hold:*

$$(i) \quad (B^{\frac{r}{2}} A^p B^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} \geq B^{1+r} \quad \text{for all } p \geq 1 \text{ and } r \geq 0$$

and

$$(ii) \quad A^{1+r} \geq (A^{\frac{r}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{r}{2}})^{\frac{1+r}{p+r}} \quad \text{for all } p \geq 1 \text{ and } r \geq 0.$$

Next we state the following useful lemma to give proofs of our results.

**Lemma A [11].** *Let  $X$  be a strictly positive operator and  $Y$  be an invertible operator. For any real number  $\lambda$ ,*

$$(YXY^*)^\lambda = YX^{\frac{1}{2}}(X^{\frac{1}{2}}Y^*YX^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\lambda-1}X^{\frac{1}{2}}Y^*.$$

We omit almost all proofs of the results in this paper.

### §3 Operator functions associated with Theorem 2.1 and Theorem 2.2

At first, as an application of Theorem 2.1, we state an operator function associated with Theorem 2.1, which is a parallel result to Theorem G.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $A \gg B$  (i.e.,  $\log A \geq \log B$ ) and let  $G_{p,t}(A, B, r, s)$  be defined by*

$$G_{p,t}(A, B, r, s) = A^{-\frac{r}{2}} \{ A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{-\frac{t}{2}} B^p A^{-\frac{t}{2}})^s A^{\frac{r}{2}} \}^{\frac{r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} A^{-\frac{r}{2}}$$

for real numbers  $p, r, s$ , and  $t$ . Then

(i). *In case  $r \geq 0 \geq t$ ,  $p \geq 0$  and  $1 \geq s \geq \frac{-t}{p-t}$ :*

$G_{p,t}(A, B, r, s)$  is decreasing of both  $r$  and  $s$ , and the following inequality holds:

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-t} &= G_{p,t}(A, A, r, s) \\ &\geq G_{p,t}(A, B, r, s). \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

(ii). *In case  $0 \geq r \geq t$ ,  $p \geq 0$  and  $1 \geq s \geq \frac{-t}{p-t}$ :*

$G_{p,t}(A, B, r, s)$  is decreasing of  $r$  and  $G_{p,t}(A, B, r, s)$  is increasing of  $s$ , and the following inequality holds:

$$\begin{aligned} A^{-t} &= G_{p,t}(A, A, r, s) \\ &\geq G_{p,t}(A, B, r, s). \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

Next, as an application of Theorem 2.2, we state an operator function associated with Theorem 2.2, which is parallel results to Theorem 3.1 and Theorem G.

**Theorem 3.2.** *Let  $A \geq B > 0$  and let  $F_{p,t}(A, B, r, s)$  be defined by*

$$F_{p,t}(A, B, r, s) = A^{\frac{-r}{2}} \{ A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^s A^{\frac{r}{2}} \}^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} A^{\frac{-r}{2}}$$

for real numbers  $p, r, s$ , and  $t$ . Then

(i). *In case  $r \geq 0 \geq t$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $1 \geq s \geq \frac{1-t}{p-t}$ :*

*$F_{p,t}(A, B, r, s)$  is decreasing of both  $r$  and  $s$ , and the following inequality holds :*

$$\begin{aligned} A^{1-t} &= F_{p,t}(A, A, r, s) \\ &\geq F_{p,t}(A, B, r, s). \end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

(ii). *In case  $0 \geq r \geq t$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $1 \geq s \geq \frac{1-t}{p-t}$ :*

*$F_{p,t}(A, B, r, s)$  is decreasing of  $r$  and  $F_{p,t}(A, B, r, s)$  is increasing of  $s$ , and the following inequality holds:*

$$\begin{aligned} A^{1-t} &= F_{p,t}(A, A, r, s) \\ &\geq F_{p,t}(A, B, r, s). \end{aligned} \tag{3.13}$$

#### §4 A result associated with Theorem G and Theorem 2.2, and a related counterexample and a conjecture

At first we state the following result which is quite similar to Theorem 2.2.

**Proposition 4.1.** *For  $A, B > 0$ ,  $A \geq B$  if and only if*

$$\begin{aligned} A^{1+r-t} &\geq (A^{\frac{r-t}{2}} B^{(p-t)s+t} A^{\frac{r-t}{2}})^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \\ &\geq \{ A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^s A^{\frac{r}{2}} \}^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

holds for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $r \geq t$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $s \in [1, 2]$ .

**Proof.** ( $\Leftarrow$ ) : We have only to put  $r = t = 0$  in (4.1).

( $\Rightarrow$ ) : We recall  $A^t \geq B^t$  by Löwner-Heinz theorem since  $t \in [0, 1]$ , so we have  $B^{-t} \geq A^{-t}$  by taking inverses of both sides. Then we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \{A^{\frac{r}{2}}(A^{-\frac{t}{2}}B^pA^{-\frac{t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \\
&= \{A^{\frac{r-t}{2}}B^{\frac{p}{2}}(B^{\frac{p}{2}}A^{-t}B^{\frac{p}{2}})^{s-1}B^{\frac{p}{2}}A^{\frac{r-t}{2}}\}^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \quad \text{by Lemma A} \\
&\leq \{A^{\frac{r-t}{2}}B^{\frac{p}{2}}(B^{\frac{p}{2}}B^{-t}B^{\frac{p}{2}})^{s-1}B^{\frac{p}{2}}A^{\frac{r-t}{2}}\}^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \\
&= (A^{\frac{r-t}{2}}B^{(p-t)s+t}A^{\frac{r-t}{2}})^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+t+r-t}} \\
&\leq A^{1+r-t}
\end{aligned}$$

and the first inequality follows by  $B^{-t} \geq A^{-t}$  and Löwner-Heinz theorem since  $s-1 \in [0, 1]$  and  $\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r} \in [0, 1]$ , and the second one follows by (ii) of Theorem  $F_1$  since  $(p-t)s+t \geq 1$  and  $r-t \geq 0$ , so we have (4.1). Whence the proof of Proposition 4.1 is complete.

**Remark 4.1.** Needless to say, it turns out that Proposition 4.1 belongs to GFI type operator inequality, I. Although the first inequality in (4.1) holds for *all*  $s \geq 1$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $r \geq t$  and  $p \geq 1$  as seen in the proof of Proposition 4.1, the restricted condition  $s \in [1, 2]$  is required for the proof of the second inequality of (4.1).

Although Proposition 4.1 holds under the restricted condition  $s \in [1, 2]$ , here we show a nice application of Proposition 4.1 as follows.

#### A simple proof of (GFI) by using Proposition 4.1

Proposition 4.1 asserts that  $A \geq B > 0$  ensures

$$A^{1+r-t} \geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}}(A^{-\frac{t}{2}}B^pA^{-\frac{t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \quad (4.2)$$

holds for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $r \geq t$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $s \in [1, 2]$ . In (4.2), put  $A_1 = A^{1+r-t}$  and

$B_1 = \{A^{\frac{r}{2}}(A^{-\frac{t}{2}}B^pA^{-\frac{t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}}$ . Then  $A_1 \geq B_1 > 0$  by (4.2) holds, so by repeating (4.2), we have

$$A_1^{1+r_1-t_1} \geq \{A_1^{\frac{r_1}{2}}(A_1^{-\frac{t_1}{2}}B_1^{p_1}A_1^{-\frac{t_1}{2}})^{s_1}A_1^{\frac{r_1}{2}}\}^{\frac{1+r_1-t_1}{(p_1-t_1)s_1+r_1}} \quad (4.3)$$

holds for all  $t_1 \in [0, 1]$ ,  $r_1 \geq t_1$ ,  $p_1 \geq 1$  and  $s_1 \in [1, 2]$ . In (4.3), put  $p_1$ ,  $r_1$  and  $t_1$  as follows:

$$p_1 = \frac{(p-t)s+r}{1+r-t} \geq 1 \quad \text{and} \quad r_1 = t_1 = \frac{r}{1+r-t} \in [0, 1],$$

(4.3) ensures

$$A^{1+r-t} \geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}}(A^{-\frac{t}{2}}B^pA^{-\frac{t}{2}})^{ss_1}A^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)ss_1+r}} \quad (4.4)$$

holds for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $r \geq t$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $ss_1 \in [1, 4]$ . Repeating this process from (4.2) to (4.4), we obtain the desired inequality:



$$(GFI) \quad A^{1+r-t} \geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}}(A^{\frac{-t}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{-t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}}$$

holds for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $r \geq t$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $s \geq 1$ . Whence the proof of (GFI) is complete.

Here we state a refinement of the proof of (GFI) in [11] and we remark that another simple proof of (GFI) is in [13].

Motivated by Proposition 4.1, Theorem 2.2 and parallelism between Theorem G and Theorem 2.2, we might apt to suppose the following question.

**Question 4.1.** *For  $A, B > 0$ ,  $A \geq B$  if and only if*

$$\begin{aligned} A^{1+r-t} &\geq (A^{\frac{r-t}{2}}B^{(p-t)s+t}A^{\frac{r-t}{2}})^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \\ &\geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}}(A^{\frac{-t}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{-t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \end{aligned} \quad (Q-4.1)$$

*holds for all  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $r \geq t$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $s \geq 1$ ?*

But we have a counterexample to this Question 4.1, and we state a related conjecture.

**A conjecture.** *There exists strictly positive operators  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $A \geq B > 0$  and*

$$(A^{\frac{r-t}{2}}B^{(p-t)s+t}A^{\frac{r-t}{2}})^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \not\geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}}(A^{\frac{-t}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{-t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}}$$

*for any  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $r \geq t$ ,  $p \geq 1$  and  $s > 2$ .*

## §5 Concluding remark

**Remark 5.1.** In what follows, let  $A$  and  $B$  be strictly positive operators. According to Theorem 2.1, Theorem 2.2, Theorem 2.3 and Theorem 2.4, we define Type-I-(u), Type-I-(c), Type-II-(u) and Type-II-(c) as follows:

Type	Content of type
Type-I-(u) :	$\begin{aligned} A^{1+r-t} &\geq (A^{\frac{r-t}{2}}B^{(p-t)s+t}A^{\frac{r-t}{2}})^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \\ &\geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}}(A^{\frac{-t}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{-t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \end{aligned}$
Type-I-(c) :	$\begin{aligned} A^{r-t} &\geq (A^{\frac{r-t}{2}}B^{(p-t)s+t}A^{\frac{r-t}{2}})^{\frac{r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \\ &\geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}}(A^{\frac{-t}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{-t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \end{aligned}$
Type-II-(u) :	$A^{1+r-t} \geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}}(A^{\frac{-t}{2}}B^pA^{\frac{-t}{2}})^sA^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}}$

$$\geq (A^{\frac{r-t}{2}} B^{(p-t)s+t} A^{\frac{r-t}{2}})^{\frac{1+r-t}{(p-t)s+r}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Type-II-(c) : } A^{r-t} &\geq \{A^{\frac{r}{2}} (A^{\frac{-t}{2}} B^p A^{\frac{-t}{2}})^s A^{\frac{r}{2}}\}^{\frac{r-t}{(p-t)s+r}} \\ &\geq (A^{\frac{r-t}{2}} B^{(p-t)s+t} A^{\frac{r-t}{2}})^{\frac{r-t}{(p-t)s+r}}, \end{aligned}$$

where Type-I-(u) means Type-I of the result on *the usual order*  $A \geq B$  and Type-I-(c) means Type-I of the result on *the chaotic order*  $\log A \geq \log B$  respectively and similarly Type-II-(u) means Type-II of the result on *the usual order*  $A \geq B$  and Type-II-(c) means Type-II of the result on *the chaotic order*  $\log A \geq \log B$  respectively.

We can enjoy an interesting contrast of the ranges of the parameters  $t$ ,  $r$ ,  $p$  and  $s$ , which clarifies Type-I-(u), Type-I-(c), Type-II-(u) and Type-II-(c) of the corresponding formulae.

Order	Range	Type	Formula
(i) $A \gg B$	$t \leq 0, r \geq t, p \geq 0, 1 \geq s \geq \frac{-t}{p-t}$	Type-I-(c)	(2.1) of Theorem 2.1
(ii) $A \geq B$	$t \leq 0, r \geq t, p \geq 1, 1 \geq s \geq \frac{1-t}{p-t}$	Type-I-(u)	(2.2) of Theorem 2.2
(iii) $A \geq B$	$t \in [0, 1], r \geq t, p \geq 1, s \in [1, 2]$	Type-I-(u)	(4.1) of Proposition 4.1
(iv) $A \gg B$	$t \leq 0, r \geq 0, p \geq 0, \frac{2p-t}{p-t} \geq s \geq 1$	Type-II-(c)	(2.3') of Theorem 2.3
(v) $A \geq B$	$t \leq -1, r \geq 0, p \geq 1, \frac{2p-t+1}{p-t} \geq s \geq 1$	Type-II-(u)	(2.4') of Theorem 2.4

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